Regular Minutes of the Ashland City Planning Commission December 3, 2007

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The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on December 3, 2007 At 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Acting Chairperson Yvonne Stinnett called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Commissioners present: Ed Nichols, Hadley Williams, Yvonne Stinnett, Chris LaCrosse and Gary Norwood

Commissioners Absent: Jim Yates, Joe Macha and Dwayne Noe

Others Present: Michael Armstrong and Franklin Wilkinson.

Mayor Norwood requested to approach the commission and announce the appointment of Chris LaCrossse as a member of the Planning Commission to replace Dwayne Noe.

Stinnett requested a motion to approve the minutes from November 5, 2007. A motion was made by Nichols and 2nd by Williams to approve the minutes as written. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Forum: None

Old Business:

Mayor Norwood asked if the issues with the Diane Sanders subdivision have been addressed. Michael Armstrong said that she has addressed all comments from the Planning office and we are waiting for her to deliver copies of the plat to our office so we can schedule her request for a minor subdivision with the Planning Commission.

Stinnett asked when we would be able to schedule a driving tour for the Land Use Plan Committee. Mayor Norwood requested to have the whole Commission present before scheduling the driving tour.

Mayor Norwood asked if any thing had progressed on the R4 PUD preliminary master plan for Ashlandplace on highway 12 south. Michael Armstrong said we had a conversation with the developer today; the next step for the Planning Commission will be the final approval of the master plan. That will be presented to the Planning Commission at a later date.

Nichols asked if the Commission members have had a chance to review the Flood Zone Ordinance. Michael Armstrong said the original Flood Zone ordinance was presented by the State Planner as minimum standards required by FEMA and it was mandatory for Ashland City to adopt it as written. We have since discovered that the adopted Flood Zone Ordinance is more restrictive than the minimum standards required by FEMA. Mayor Norwood requested this to be discussed at next month's meeting due to the absence of the Community Planner.

New Business:

Michael Armstrong approached the Commission and reminded them that next month they will need to make the annual election of the Planning Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Other:

Nichols asked about how the alley from Hardees to Elizabeth St. would fall under our dust free ordinance. The problem is that during hard rain gravel and mud from that drive wash on to Elizabeth St. Mayor Norwood asked the Codes Department to research the Hardees site and the site behind Homax on highway 12 south where trucks are being parked on the site.

Nichols asked if the Merriman's off site signs were in violation of our sign ordinance. We need to make sure we are consistent with enforcement of our sign ordinance. Armstrong said he will address the off site directional signs with Merriman's. Stinnette asked if the city attorney had clarified the definition of a vehicle sign. Armstrong said he will get with the Jennifer Noe and present something at the next Planning Commission meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by LaCrosse and 2nd by Nichols.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Acting Chairperson Yvonne Stinnett